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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DROOG ET AL - 1 PCT DIV
SERIAL NO: 10/706,797 EXAMINER: L. HUYNH
FILED: NOVEMBER 12, 2003 GROUP: 3721
TITLE: BAG FILLING APPARATUS AND METHOD

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(1)

MAIL STOP AF
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated OCTOBER 13, 2004, for one month from JANUARY 13, 2005, until FEBRUARY 13, 2005. Since FEBRUARY 13, 2005 is a Sunday, the time for response is automatically extended to Monday, FEBRUARY 14, 2005. A check in the amount of \$60.00, covering the fee for a one-month extension for a Small Entity is enclosed herewith. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited

to deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted,

DROOG ET AL - 1 PCT DIV

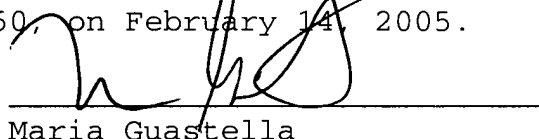


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Enclosure: Check in the amount of \$60.00 (1 mos. Extension of
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